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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *16 May 2007*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-20* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-20* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 16, 2007 has been entered. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 17 have been amended. This Office Action is Non-Final

2. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Melick et al.** (Hereinafter "Melick") US Patent Application No. 2001/0047283 in view of **Reed et al.** (Hereinafter "Reed") US Patent No. 5,737,609.

As to claim 1, Melick teaches a method of providing a receipt inspection reporting process comprising:

receiving receipt inspection reporting data via a receipt inspection reporting system [required inspection and certifications of the equipment, ab; 0046];

storing the received receipt inspection reporting data in a database [storing inspection in a central location, 0032-0033], the receipt inspection reporting data configured for access using the receipt inspection reporting system [retrieving material handling equipment records and certifications, 0045; ab], wherein the receipt inspection reporting data is processed via multi-layers [i.e., network server, inspectors or subscribers and customers, 0086; 0087] for review and approval being reported [edit, review to create a new records, inspect and repair and/or recertify an equipment, 0071]]. Melick also teaches that the inspection results have been forwarded to different categories in the database[i.e., measurement/specification, repair manual, customer/inspection, see fig. 1-2 and col. 3, lines 52-60] . Melick teaches that the inspection report system is applied in Internet [0038; 0046; 0071; 0078], and the inspection report data includes defect codes for assigning different categories of defect to facilitate access of the database [see the damage codes: "B" for "Burned", "BT" for "Bent or twisted", "HD" for "Hook Damaged", or "WBM" for "Worn Below Minimum", etc., [see fig. 12; fig. 8] assigned to different categories, [see fig. 4] to facilitate access of the database [stored on the network server 100; see fig. 2; 0074; 0078; 0086]; the different categories are physical category [codes assigned to hardware categories, fig. 12-14, 16, 18-20] and document category [inspector category, fig. 15; 0019].

However, Melick does not explicitly teach that the inspection report data includes defect codes for assigning different categories. Reed teaches the inspection report data includes defect codes for assigning different categories [i.e., error detected, the unit test codes outputs messages in three categories: error messages, status messages and debugging information, these messages are generated by the announceObject and code added by the developer, col. 24, lines 16-30].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to add the feature of Melick to the system of Reed as an essential means to and increase the accuracy of inspection report and expand the services of inspection reporting and tracking from different parties on the network.

As to claim 2, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches updating automatically the stored receipt inspection reporting data upon receiving updated receipt inspection reporting data [ab; 0074; 0077, claim 1].

As to claim 3, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches that the receipt inspection reporting data comprises information relating to one or more of defects or damages for a shipment of goods [0013; fig. 12].

As to claim 4, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches inputting receipt inspection reporting data for storing in the database [0086].

As to claim 5, all limitations of this claim have been addressed in the analysis above, and this claim is rejected on that basis.

As to claim 6, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches entering additional receipt inspection reporting data using a plurality of predetermined data entry fields provided as part of the web-based receipt inspection reporting system [0013; 0074].

As to claim 7, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches entering new receipt inspection reporting data using a plurality of predetermined data entry fields provided as part of the web-based receipt inspection reporting system [fig. 6, 9, 12] .

As to claim 8, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches at least one of receipt inspection reporting shipment information, receipt inspection reporting log information, receipt inspection reporting defect information, receipt inspection reporting damage information and receipt inspection reporting correspondence information [fig. 12].

As to claim 9, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches searching and outputting receipt inspection reporting data based upon user defined search criteria [the subscriber input data in a input form, fig. 9]

As to claim 10, Melick and Reed teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches that the web-based receipt inspection reporting system is configured to provide a predetermined list of defect codes for use in searching [fig. 12].

As to claims 11-20, all limitations of these claims have been addressed in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached at 571-272-4146.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned as follows: 571-273-8300 (Official Communication)

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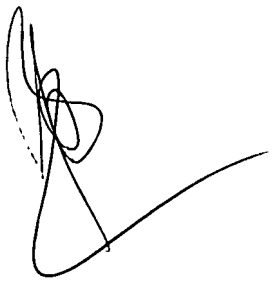

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